

Remarks

In the Office Action, it is required that the pending claims be restricted to one of five groups of claims (Groups I-V). Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I (claims 2 and 11 as related to acetic acid), but as discussed below, respectfully request that the other groups be also examined in this application.

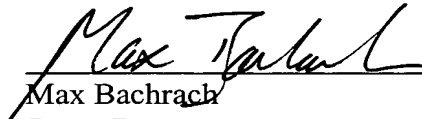
Applicants respectfully submit, however, that a single search directed to a vector comprising a promotor responsive to an organic acid, as recited by the pending claim 1, would necessarily encompass all of the claims in Groups I-V. For this reason, it is believed that the examination of Groups I-V would not impose an unreasonable burden on the Examiner. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, §803.01. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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